

**Question for written answer E-008377/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Social tourism and unemployment

The free circulation of citizens within the European Union can encourage so-called 'social tourism', i.e. individuals moving to another EU Member State without seeking employment so as to benefit from a more advantageous social protection scheme. The Court of Justice of the European Union recently published an opinion recalling that Member States can refuse benefits and pass national laws to limit access to social rights. In countries such as Germany and the UK, a significant influx of migrants from other Member States threatens to weaken national social protection systems.

1. Given that access to social rights and access to the labour market are not automatically coupled, would it not be wise to propose the establishment of traceability criteria to govern access to social rights for citizens who move to a different Member State, with a view to limiting the risk of abuse?
2. Should a 'social passport' not be granted to any EU citizen wishing to spend more than three months in a Member State other than their Member State of origin?